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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

MIKHAIL M. GUSYATINER, ET AL : EXAMINER: LILLING, H. J.

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FOR: L-ARGININE PRODUCING ESCHERICHIA COLI AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING L-ARGININE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** appears on page 5 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.